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1. SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS: (A) LANGUAGE FOR JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE RECONCILED BY EMBASSY WITH GOB ON MARCH 25, AND APPROVED BY GOB ON MARCH 26. (B) NEW LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY AND ALSO RECONCILED WITH GOB. (C) MINOR GOB EMENDATIONS TO LANGUAGE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY BOTH DIDES. (D) EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE NEW MATERIAL TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS RECONCILED LANGUAGE NOW APPROVED BY GOB AND RECOMMENDED FOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. PARAGRAPHS ARE QUOTED IN FULL, INCLUDING PASSAGES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS RECONCILED IN REFTEL (A): QUOTE PARAGRAPH (9) THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED THE CONDITION AND PROSPECTS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY. THEY EXAMINED THE CRITICAL ROLE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE US ECONOMY, INCLUDING THE US ENERGY PROGRAM, TO GLOBAL STABILITY AND GROWTH, BRAZIL'S RAPIDLY EXPANDING ROLE WITHIN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND THE IMPORTANCE TO THE WORLD ECONOMY OF SUSTAINED ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY STRESSED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HIGHLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AS A GROUP TO PURSUE APPROPRIATE POLICIES THAT WILL ENSURE THE RESUMPTION OF MORE RAPID WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC GROWTH, CONFIDENTIAL

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WHICH ALSO REQUIRES HEALTHY ECONOMIES IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THEY WELCOMED THE DECISIONS OF OPEC TAKEN IN CARACAS IN DECEMBER TO MAINTAIN THE PREVAILING LEVEL OF PETROLEUM PRICES. END QUOTE.

QUOTE PARAGRAPH (11) PRESIDENT CARTER EMPHASIZED HIS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO FREER TRADE, AND REVIEWED THE MEASURES TAKEN SINCE

HE ASSUMED OFFICE TO PRESERVE FREE ACCESS TO THE US MARKET, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT SOME OF THE SPECIFIC APPROACHES ADOPTED BY SOME OF ITS MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS TO PROMOTE THEIR EXPORTS CREATED DIFFICULTIES FOR THE US. PRESIDENT GEISEL STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE TO BRAAZILIAN DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT GROWTH AND HIS CONCERN WITH PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES THAT THREATEN BRAZIL'S EXPORTS TO THE MARKETS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. END QUOTE.

QUOTE PARAGRAPH (11A) THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED THAT THE FIFTH SESSION OF THE BRAZIL-US SUB-GROUP ON TRADE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN BRASILIA DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY. A PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF THE SESSION WILL BE A BILATERAL EXAMINATION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES EXISTING IN THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. END QUOTE.

QUOTE PARAGRAPH (12) THE TWO PRSIDENTS STRONGLY ENDORSED THE KEY ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY REVIEWED THE VARIOUS MEASURES TAKEN IN THE PAST YEAR AND AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF A LEVEL OF FUNDING OF THESE INSTITUTIONS ADEQUATE TO MEET EXISTING NEEDS. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THESE INSTITUTIONS, AND ALSO NOTED AND WELCOMED THE EXPANDING EFFORTS AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES TO STRENGTHEN MUTUAL COOPERATION IN SUPPORT OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT. THEY NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE EFFORTS MADE BY CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES TO CREATE A GROUP FOR ECONOMIC COOPEATION. END QUOTE.

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QUOTE PARAGRAPH (13) THE TWO PRESIDENTS AGREED TON THE IMPORTANCE OF STABILIZING COMMODITY PRICES AT FAIR LEVELS TO PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS AND OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ROLE WHICH WELL-SESIGNED FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS CAN PLAY IN RELATION TO COMMODITY PRICE STABILIZATION AGREEMENTS. IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT, THE TWO PRESIDENTS STRESSED THE FAVORABLE DISPOSITION OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO THE CREATION OF SUCH MECHANISMS AS WELL AS TO BUFFER STOCKS WHERE JUSTIFIED. END QUOTE.

QUOTE PARAGRAPH (14) BOTH PRSIDENTS STATED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AUTHORITIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. END QUOTE

QUOTE PARAGRAPH (16) THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO EXAMINED WORLD AGRICULTURAL SUPPLY PROBLEMS AND REQUIREMENTS OVER THE NEXT DECADE. THEY AGREED

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THAT THE UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL, AS THE WORLD'S LEADING EXPORTERS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, CAN MAKE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO EASING WORLD PROBLEMS IN THIS FIELD. THEY DECIDED TO ESTABLISH, UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF FEBRUARY 21, 1976, A SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE. THE SUB-GROUP WILL ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND WILL HOLD ITS INITIAL MEETING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. END QUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING IS NEW LANGUAGE SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY AND ATSO RECONCILED WITH GOB: QUOTE PARAGRAPH (16A) THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED WITH APPROVAL THE MUTUAL BENEFITS ACCRUING FROM CONTINUED FLOWS OF INVESTMENT, LOAN CAPITAL, TECHNOLOGY AND TRADE. BOTH PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE US-BRAZIL BUSINESS COUNCIL AS AN IMPORTANT FORUM FOR BRAZILIAN AND US BUSINESSMEN TO EXAMINE ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTERST. END QUOTE.

QUOTE PARAGRAPH (16B) THE TWO PRESIDENTS ALSO NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS EXISTING BETWEEN PROFESSIONALS, SCHOLARS, INTELLECTUALS AND ARTISTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND THE PERSONAL ENRICHMENT ACCRUING TO STUDENTS ATTENDING UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN BRAZIL AND THE US. THEY STATED THAT THESE SHARED EXPERIENCES CONSTITUTE A VALUABLE BASE OF LASTING FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE TWO PRESIDENTS SPECIFICALLY NOTED THE CELEBRATION LAST YEAR OF THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BILATERAL FULBRIGHT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WHICH HAS INVOLVED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS OF A WIDE CONFIDENTIAL

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VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES. END QUOTE.

QUOTE PARAGRAPH (17) THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE SHARED GOALS

OF THEIR PEOPLES IN A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND PROGRESS WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELMINATION OF EXISTING ECONOMIC INEQUIALITIES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, PROMOTE INCREASED ECONOMIC SECURITY FOR ALL COUNTIRES, ASSURE A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLES, PROVIDE A MORE EQUITABLE SHARING OF THE ENFITS OF GROWTH, AND ENCOURAGE MORE RAPID NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. END QUOTE.

- 4. COMMENT: IN MARCH 25 MEETING WE AGREED TO REVERSE ORDER OF PARAGRAPHS (13) AND (14).
- 5. MINOR GOB EMENDATIONS TO PREVIOUSLY AGREED LANGUAGE, RECOMMENDED FOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL.
- (A) PARAGRAPH (6) CLOSING PHRASE SHOULD READE QUOTE ASSURING THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES. END QUOTE.
- (B) PARAGRAPH (7) LAST SENTENCE SHOULD READ QUOTE HE STRESSED BRAZIL'S STRONG DEVOTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND NOTED THE ESSENTIAL ROLE OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ATTAINING PROGRESS IN THIS AREA. END OUOTE.
- (C) PARAGRAPH (8) FIRST SENTENCE: DELETE THE WORLD QUOTE EXPLICITLY END QUOTE; CHANGE THE PHRASE QUOTE AND REVIEWED THE ONGOING EFFORTS END QUOTE TO READ QUOTE AND DESCRIBED THE ONGOING EFFORTS END QUOTE.
- (D) PARAGRAPH (15), INSERT THE WORD QUOTE IN END QUOTE AFTER THE COLON. LISTING OF AREAS OF COOPERATION THUS WOULD BEGIN AS FOLLOWS QUOTE BENEFITS: IN COAL MINING, PROCESSING END QUOTE.
- (E) PARAGRAPH (18), SECOND SENTENCE TO READ QUOTE THEY AGREED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT THE MECHANISMS AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED UNDER THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF FEBRUARY 21, 1976, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE USED AND INSTRUCTED THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS ACCORDINGLY. END QUOTE.

6. OBSERVATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE NEW MATERIAL. EMBASSY ALSO SUGGESTS EXPANSION OF POLITICAL PORTION OF PRESS COMMUNIQUE PARAGRAPSH (4) THROUGH (8), TO TREAT OTHER MAJOR TOPICS WHICH WILL COME UP IN PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSIONS WITH GEISEL AND TO ROUND OUT AND BALANCE THE TEXT. ONE POSSIBLE SEQUENCE WOULD BE: NEW PARAGRAPH (8A): AFRICA PARAGRAPH (8B): MIDDLE EAST (ALTERNATIVE: HEMISPHERE). PARAGRAPH (3C): POLICY PLANNING TALKS.

7. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED TEXT ON POLICY PLANNING TALKS: QUOTE PARAGRAPH (3C): THE TWO PRESIDENTS, MINDFUL OF THE MANY AREAS OF INTERACTION BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES, NOTED THE POLICY PLANNING TALKS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY

OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THEY AGREED ON THE USEFULNESS OF THESE CONSULTATIONS AND EXCHANGES TO THEIR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND ON THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING THEM ON A REGULAR BASIS (ONCE A YEAR). END QUOTE.

8. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH ON AFRICA, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE GEISEL'S COMMENTS ON CUBAN PRESENCE MADE DURING HIS PRESS CONFERENCES IN MEXICO CITY (REFTEL C) AND AGAIN IN BONN.

9. WITH REGARD TO PARAGRAPH (5) ON DISARMAMENT, TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL B, WASHINGTON MIGHT CONSIDER POSSIBLE ADDITION OF REFERENCE TO CONCRETE ADMINISTRATION OBJECTIVES SUCH AS CTB. THIS WOULD GIVE PARAGRAPH ADDITIONAL CONTENT AND STRENGTH.

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